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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED SEPT 29 THAT GOP FOREIGN

MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA WOULD MEET ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER
JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS ON SEPT 30. THE MEETING WILL TAKE
PLACE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT THE MEETING
FORESHADOWS IMMINENT RECOGNITION OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
BY THE GOP. A NUMBER OF SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS ADVOCATE EARLY
RECOGNITION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS MAY FACILITATE A
POSSIBLE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE WEST BY AGOSTINHO NETO.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO STRONG COUNTERPRESSURES FROM THE
PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA AND FROM OTHER SOURCES
AGAINST RECOGNITION AT THIS TIME.
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